

# **AC8** *Product Specification/Installation Sheet* Description

The Liebert AC8 is ideal for coordinated control of systems with redundant equipment, such as multiple environmental units or pumps. When the AC8 controller detects an alarm in an operating device, the AC8 enables a standby device and controls the device in alarm as configured, either leaving that device operating or disabling it.

The AC8 controller can also balance usage of devices by rotating units through Operating and Standby modes according to a user-defined schedule. This helps keep redundant equipment operating efficiently and only when needed. The AC8 can perform routine testing of standby devices and alert personnel if a standby device fails an operating test and requires attention.

The staging feature permits standby devices to be turned on or off when a sensor detects specified levels. For example, the AC8 might be configured to turn on a fan when the temperature reaches 75°F then turn on a second for at 80°F

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When the temperature falls below 80°F, the second fan is turned off; when it drops below 75°F, the first fan is turned off. Liebert's TW420 Temperature Transmitter may be connected to any of the four analog sensor inputs for staging and other functions.

Another capability of the AC8 is monitoring the status of connected devices and keeping personnel apprised through local alarming. The AC8 employs local alarming and remote paging services to keep personnel on-site and at remote locations apprised of the status of equipment.

The AC8 controller can interface with anything that closes an electrical contact. To improve process efficiency and troubleshooting, the controller tracks data in three types of logs: alarm, event and trend.

The AC8 has both a local LCD interface and a remote dial-up interface for configuration and monitoring. Liebert's SiteScan Web may also be used for monitoring, as well as some configuration functions.

When an alarm condition arises, the AC8 displays alarm information, sounds an audible alarm, changes the state of the common alarm relay and turns connected devices on or off according to user configuration. If configured, the controller also sends pager notifications.

For other applications, contact your local Liebert representative or call 1-800-222-5877.

### **Features and Benefits**

- Custom configuration for specific applications
- Paging capability—up to four pager numbers
- · Preconfigured on-board modem
- Alarm, Event and Trend logs with time and date stamp
- · Battery backup to ensure alarm notification
- · Backup and download configuration files
- User interface via RS232 or modem connection
- On-board audible alarm
- Configuration data permanently stored in nonvolatile Electrically Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory (EEPROM) for protection against power loss
- Real-time clock
- Status LEDs for verification and diagnostics

### Hardware and Components

#### Enclosure

The AC8 comes standard in an enclosure, which features a key lock for added security. The enclosure is made of metal to accommodate secure conduit fittings and protect components against environmental debris.

#### AC8 enclosure - External features



- The enclosure is designed for easy wire routing and terminations. Access slots for communication cables and network wires are located on both the top and bottom of the enclosure.
- The enclosure is 2-3/4" deep, allowing for recess mounting in a wall. The enclosure may also be flush-mounted.
- The enclosure houses the controller board and Transformer Module.

#### **Keypad Display**

The keypad is a user interface mounted on the enclosure door of the AC8. The liquid crystal display (LCD) provides for complete monitoring and configuration of the



Keypad

panel and is password-protected. The keypad display provides the ability for the AC8 to operate as a complete standalone panel.



#### AC8 Components and Key Features

#### **Controller Board**

The controller board supports these connections:

- Eight devices, with 1 digital input and 1 digital output per device
- Up to four zones, with staging for each zone
- Four 4-20mA analog inputs (one sensor per zone)
- Two programmable digital relay outputs
- Two Common Alarm outputs
- One EPOP input

The digital inputs are dry contacts. The analog inputs are 4-20mA inputs. The digital outputs, programmable relay outputs and Common Alarm outputs are Form C contact relays. The Common Alarm output is one output with two sets of contacts.

The point terminations are made using removable terminal blocks. This allows for easier access to the terminators, streamlining the process of connecting external devices to the AC8.

The controller board is a microprocessor-based platform for program execution. The firmware may be easily upgraded at the job site, simplifying the process of installing new firmware as it becomes available. Configuration data is stored in nonvolatile EEPROM to protect against power loss.

An RS232 operator terminal port is included with each controller board for operator devices such as a simple CRT terminal or laptop PC.

An integrated on-board modem allows remote access to the AC8. The modem is factory-configured, eliminating field configuration and wiring requirements. An RJ11 phone modem jack is also included.

An IGM422 connection permits access to Liebert's SiteScan Web Enterprise Monitoring System. This connection allows information and alarms to be monitored from a centrally located command center.

## **Dimensions - Enclosure and Transformer Modules**



TRANSFORMER MODULES (115V & 230V)



Top/bottom view

Front

view

2.65"	▲	
(67.3mm)	¥	*******

## Wiring Specifications

Connection	Supported Wire Type	Maximum Wire Length		Rating	
Digital Input/ EPOP	18-22 AWG Stranded & Unshielded <b>18 AWG* (recommended)</b> Non Plenum - Belden 9740 Plenum - Belden 89740	750 ft. (225m)		Dry Contact (24VDC, 10 mA)	
Digital Output/ Control	18-22 AWG Stranded & Unshielded <b>18 AWG* (recommended)</b> Non Plenum - Belden 9740 Plenum - Belden 89740	18 AWG* (recommended) @3A 50 ft. (15m)	20 AWG	22 AWG @3A 25 ft. (7m)	24VAC@3A
Relay		@2A 100 ft. (30m) @1A 200 ft. (60m)	@2A 60 π. (18m) @1A 100 ft. (30m)	@1A 75 ft. (10m) @1A 75 ft. (23m)	
Analog Input 2-Wire Transducer	18-22 AWG Stranded & Unshielded <b>18 AWG* (recommended)</b> Non Plenum - Belden 9740 Plenum - Belden 89740	750 ft. (225m)		4-20 mA Signal Input Selectable Power Source (12/24VDC)	
Analog Input 4-Wire Transducer	18-22 AWG Stranded & Unshielded <b>18 AWG* (recommended)</b> Non Plenum - Belden 8489 Plenum - Belden 88489	750 ft. (225m)		4-20 mA Signal Input Selectable Power Source (12/24VDC)	
Common 1 Alarm 1 Output F	18-22 AWG Stranded & Unshielded <b>18 AWG* (recommended)</b> Non Plenum - Belden 9740 Plenum - Belden 89740	18 AWG* (recommended)	20 AWG	22 AWG	24VAC @3A
		@3A 50 ft. (15m) @2A 100 ft. (30m) @1A 200 ft. (60m)	@3A 40 ft. (12m) @2A 60 ft. (18m) @1A 100 ft. (30m)	@3A 25 ft. (7m) @2A 35 ft. (10m) @1A 75 ft. (23m)	
Communication RS232	Null Modem Cable	50 ft. (15m)		N/A	
Communication EIA422 SiteScan	18-22 AWG Stranded & Shielded <b>22 AWG* (recommended)</b> Non Plenum - Belden 9461 Plenum - Belden 88761	1000 ft. (300m)		N/A	
Communication EIA485	18-22 AWG Stranded & Shielded <b>22 AWG* (recommended)</b> Non Plenum - Belden 9461 Plenum - Belden 88761	3000 ft. (900m)		N/A	
Phone/Modem Line	4 Wire (Pins 3 & 4) RJ11 Connector	N/A		N/A	
24VAC Power Connection (TB7)	18-22 AWG Stranded & Shielded <b>18 AWG* (recommended)</b> Non Plenum - Belden 8770 Plenum - Belden 88770	150 ft. (45m)		24VAC @1.3A	
Power Connections (Transformer Module)					
115VAC	14 AWG Stranded & Unshielded Non Plenum - Belden 5101UE	150 ft. (45m)		115VAC @4A	
230VAC	14 AWG Stranded & Unshielded Non Plenum - Belden 5101UE	150 ft. (45m)		230VAC @0.5A	

\* Recommended

AC8 Specifications					
Power	115VAC Transformer Module / UML11500	230VAC Transformer Module / UML23000			
Requirements	115VAC ±10% of nominal; 60Hz, 4A, 460VA	230VAC ±10% of nominal; 50Hz, 0.5A, 115VA			
Dimensions: W x D x H, in. (mm)	18 x 2-3/4 x 18 (457.2 x 69.85 x 457.2)				
Weight (Assembled)	20.56 lb. (9.33 kg)				
Enclosure Type	NEMA 1				
Liquid Crystal Display (LCD)	Four line, 20 character, backlit				
Mounting Surface	Building Wall or Structural Member				
Ambient Operating Environment	32°F to 104°F (0°C to 40°C) 0% RH to 95% RH (non-condensing)				
Processor Specifics					
Model	Motorola XC68HC812A4				
Clock speed	16MHz				
Total RAM	256Kb				
Total FLASH	4M				
Total EEPROM	4K				
A/D Resolution (Analog IN)	12 Bit				
Modem Type Embedded	14.4K bps				
Clock Type	Real-Time Clock				
Clock battery backup type	Lithium Cell (non-replaceable)				
Clock battery life	7 years, constant, no power				
Modem battery backup type	Nickel Cadmium (replaceable)				
Modem battery life	10 minutes at full load				
Communications					
Local Communications	RS232				
Remote: Modem (9600-N-8-1) Remote: Supported pagers	Baud rate 9600 bps, Parity=None, Data bits=8, Stop bits=1 9600 E-7-1 supports TAPI protocol version 1.8				
SiteScan Web	IGM Protocol, EIA422				
Agency Listings	115VAC Transformer Module (TM115)	230VAC Transformer Module (TM230)			
UL	UL1012	UL1585			
CSA	C22.2 No. 66 and C22.2 No. 107.1				
CE	Yes				
FCC Compliance	N/A				
Inputs & Outputs (Quantity)					
Digital Inputs (8)	Dry Contact Closure 24VDC, 10 mA				
Analog Inputs (4)	4-20 mA signal input with selectable power source of 12VDC or 24VDC				
Digital Outputs (8)	24VAC, 3A				
Common Alarm Outputs (2)	24VAC, 3A				

## **Ordering Information**

Quantity	Part #	Description
	AC8L115	AC8 controller board & Transformer Module 115VAC with two 24VAC outputs (40VA each) and 115VAC receptacle in enclosure
	AC8L230	AC8 controller board & Transformer Module 230VAC with two 24VAC outputs (40VA each) in enclosure
	201258P1	RS232 configuration cable
	TW420	Temperature Transmitter Wall 4-20 mA @ 45°F to 96°F



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